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## 2014 Primary Election Filing Period continues through December 9th

The filing period for the March 2014 Primary Election began Saturday, November 9, 2013, and will continue through Monday, December 9, 2013. All candidates must either file for a place on their party's ballot or declare their intention to run as an independent candidate. The Primary Election will be held Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

County offices included in the primary are the County Judge, County/District Clerk, County Treasurer, County Commissioner Precinct 2, County Commissioner Precinct 4, Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, and Justice of the Peace Precinct 2.

Grady Coulter, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, has filed for re-election in the Democratic Primary.

Incumbents who have already filed for re-election in the Republican Primary include Roy Blair, County Judge; Mary Grim, County/District Clerk; Hal Spain, County Treasurer; Wendell Lee, County Commissioner, Precinct 2; Bobby Blaylock, County Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Jackie Walker, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1.

The office held by John Cornyn, US Senator from Texas, is on the ballot. Incumbent Mike Conaway, US Representative District 11, has filed for re-election to his office. Texas State Representative District 72 Drew Darby has filed for re-election in

the Republican Primary.

Texas Governor Rick Perry is not running for re-election. Candidates filing for the Republican Primary include Miriam Martinez, Lisa Fritsch, Greg Abbott (current Texas Attorney General), and SECEDE Kilgore. Candidates filing for the Democratic Primary are Wendy R. Davis and Reynaldo "Ray" Madrigal.

With current Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott running for Governor, Ken Paxton, Barry Smitherman (current Texas Railroad Commissioner) and Dan Branch have filed for the Republican Primary.

Debra Median, Glenn Hegar and Mike Collier have filed to run for Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts currently held by Susan Combs. Median and Hegar have filed Republican, with Collier filing Democratic.

John Cook has filed to run in the Democratic Primary for Commissioner of the General Land Office, currently held by Jerry Patterson.

Four people - Tommy Merritt, Sid Miller, J. Allen Carnes and Eric Opiela have filed to run for Texas Commissioner of Agriculture in the Republican Primary. This seat is now held by Todd Staples.

With current Texas Railroad Commissioner Barry Smitherman running for Attorney General, Malachi Boyuls has filed for the Republican Primary.

## Important Election Dates

**Saturday • November 9, 2013**

*First Day to file for offices regularly scheduled to be on the Primary ballot.*

**Monday • December 9, 2013**

*Filing deadline for candidates; filing deadline for independent candidates to file intent declaration.*

**Tuesday • February 18, 2014\***

*(\*First Business Day after Presidents' Day)  
First Day to vote early in the Primary Election*

**Friday • February 28, 2014**

*Last Day to vote early in the Primary Election*

**Tuesday • March 4, 2014**

*Primary Election*

### Blackwell slates 2nd Annual Christmas Vendor Fair for Saturday, November 23

Be ready Christmas Shoppers for the 2nd Annual Blackwell Christmas Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 23, 2013, from 11 am to 3 pm at the Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department Fire Station.

Lots of great local vendor booths are set to come for your enjoyment and shopping needs. Vendors scheduled to attend include Scentsy, AdvoCare, Grace Adele, Veleta, Farm House Divas, State Farm, Ambit Energy, Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, Juice Plus and more. Plus many more craft booths will be on hand!

There will be drawings and free items given away throughout the day.

Booth rent is free but any donation to the Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department will greatly be appreciated!

For more information or to reserve your booth, please call Marilyn Scott at 325-650-0603 or Laura Pieper at 325-721-5205 or find us on Facebook under the Events section 2nd Annual

Blackwell Christmas Vendor Fair.

### Bronte Thanksgiving Service set for Sunday

The Bronte Community-Wide Thanksgiving Service will be held this year at Central Baptist Church Sunday, November 24, at 7 pm. Pastor Dale Patterson encourages everyone to come enjoy this special time of giving thanks and worship.

A fellowship is to follow and a love offering will be taken to help with community needs.

### Holiday Closings

The Bronte and Robert Lee City Halls, along with the Coke County Courthouse will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The trash service in Robert Lee will not be interrupted.

### Early Deadline Noted

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the deadline for the November 29 issue of The Observer/Enterprise will be Monday, November 25, at 12 noon.

## Football Playoff Game



**BLACKWELL  
HORNETS**

vs.

**Grandfalls-Royalty  
Cowboys**

**7:00 pm • Thursday, November 21  
Rankin, Texas**

**Pep Rally • Thursday at 11:55 am  
Early Release on Thursday • 2:30 pm**

